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SENIORS WIN SCHOLARSHIPS

The principal, Brother Bettigole, O.S.F., of Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School announced today the names of three seniors who are being commended in the 1983 National Merit Scholarship Program. Letters of Commendation will be presented to Michael L. Boyd, Victor F. Parrinello and John S. Spina, who placed among the top five per cent of the participants in the twenty-eighth nationwide competition.

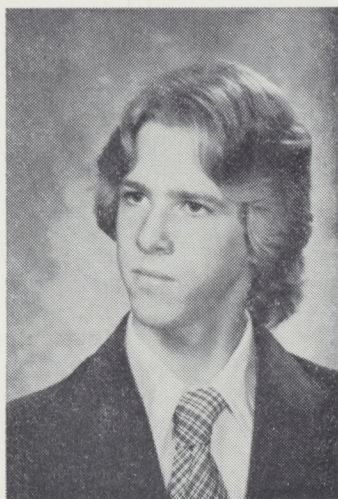
A spokesman for National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the

Merit Program, stated, "To rank among the top 50,000 performers in a competition that includes over one million participants is an outstanding attainment, deserving of public recognition. We sincerely hope that the academically able young men and women who are commended in the Merit Program will diligently pursue their higher education opportunities and career goals. The nation will benefit by the full development of their talents."

The students being commended this month, who are

now beginning their final year of high school, entered the 1983 Merit Scholarship Competition by taking the qualifying test in 1981. Commended participants scored high, but slightly below students in their respective states who qualified as Merit Program Semifinalists. Only the 15,000 semifinalists, who were announced in a national news release on September 16, will receive further consideration for about 5,000 Merit Scholarships to be awarded next spring.

In Memoriam



Edward Aalbue

The editors and staff of *Highpoint* dedicate this issue of our student newspaper to the fond memory of Edward Aalbue of the class of 1979.

FORD FORMS VIDEO CREW

by John Palmieri

Bishop Ford has a new activity, the video crew. Mr. Nash is the director of the crew and coach of the varsity basketball team.

The crew consists of three members at present, John Palmieri, Joe Selch and Mike Hardman. So far this year we've taped all basketball games (j.v. and varsity). New members are welcome. We tape at school and away. Junior varsity games start at 5:45 p.m. and varsity games start at 7:30 p.m. These games are on Fridays. On Tuesdays they start at 3:30 p.m.

The basketball season ends in February, so come and cheer Ford on to victory.

BIO LAB BABY BOOM

by Laura Anne Allen

When you think of Bishop Ford's biology lab, you think of students working with the animals, classes being conducted, and, of course, our ever-popular, fast-breeding guinea pigs, Cow and Curley.

On December 2, 1982, Cow (an original name for a guinea pig) gave birth to three adorable "piglets" between 4:30 and 4:45 p.m. The baby guinea pigs' names are Knickers and Cappy, and the third one was named Denise, after Mrs. Skalecky.

The new-born guinea pigs are the main attraction of the biology lab. As of this writing, two have been adopted, and the other is spoken for.

If you are interested in adopting a baby guinea pig, come to the bio lab and put your name down on the waiting list for future litters.



Maria Valletta gets down.

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faint or nauseous and had to be taken home. Most of the dancers, however, were able to last the full twenty-four hours.

For lunch the dancers had their choice of chicken, pizza, or hotdogs; most had all three. After lunch, the dancers played "Elmo says" led by Marty Maher, a graduate of 1982. Prizes, such as gift certificates, clothes, watches, tape recorders, radios, back packs and sleeping bags, were given to winners of such contests as the best male and female dancers, the best twist couple and the nicest smile contest. The winner of the trip to Florida was senior Jennifer Rodriguez, and Patty Canepa won an Atari system for bringing in the greatest amount of money.

After dinner, the dancers gathered around the stage where they met Kevin Holmes and his son, Donovan. Kevin is an alumnus of Bishop Ford, and his son has Muscular Dystrophy. Certificates from MBA were given out to all dancers and workers, and then the final hour of dancing began. The night ended with Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York," and the Falcons all went home for a much deserved rest.

Because these people danced, many who cannot dance will be helped. Bishop Ford, you should be very, very proud!

ROB GRANT ENTERS LAUGHING

by Leslie Calandra

The stage came to life as young Robert Grant entered from stage right. He shone brilliantly from start to finish, turning the written dialogue of David Kolowitz into his own thoughts and feelings. He glided through scenes, conversed with his fellow actors and actresses, and splendidly brought the story-line together. Matt Pettenato elicited outrageous laughter from the audience as Mr. Marlowe, the director of the theater group, while Lynda Di Monda, Jeanette Pagano, and, of course, James O'Neil sent shock waves through the crowd with their slinky apparel. Outstanding performances were also given by Peter Batroni, Joseph Miller, Pamela March, Daniel Vira, Christine Vezco, Philip

Guarrera and Daniel Artz.

David Kolowitz is a very young apprentice to an "un-American" machinist who plans to have David eventually take over his business. David's parents also have definite plans for his future, for they plot to have him become a pharmacist. The main conflict in the play is the clash of the plans of these two parties, along with the plans of another, David. He seeks adventure and excitement, and, above all, wants to be, in his own words, "a somebody." He feels he can achieve this by becoming an actor. Despite the discouragement of his parents and his employer, he reaches this goal with a little help from his friends, and he becomes the "somebody" he'd always hoped to be.

ABORTION: THE LEGAL HOLOCAUST

by Victor Parrinello

Is abortion "right," or is it "wrong"? I'm sure this isn't the first time you've heard this question, and I can guarantee it won't be the last. Few topics today can incite the furious debate this one can.

There are two major controversies surrounding the abortion dilemma, one legal and one ethical. Legally speaking, whether or not abortion is "right" hinges on whether or not the fetus is alive before birth, alive in the sense that it is human. If it is a human life, then terminating it for any reason less important than saving the mother's life is murder. If it is not a human life we are dealing with, then we can treat it as a "growth" or "tumor," and consider abortion to be no more terrible than getting a wart removed or having one's appendix or tonsils taken out. The entire legal aspect of the abortion issue is based on the answer to the question whether or not the fetus is a human life.

Some say, ethically speaking, there is no pre-determined set of guidelines to help a pregnant girl arrive at a decision. Whether or not abortion is "right" or not is up to her to decide, according to her own morality. Remember now, many times two people will have different ideas on what is good, bad, and so on. One girl might be opposed to abortion unless the mother's life is in danger, while another might favor it for any reason at all, even for one as ridiculous as "it was a girl, not a boy like I wanted." In other words, what is legally "right" or "wrong" might not matter to someone considering abortion.

As for my opinion on the matter, I have to side with the anti-abortionists. First of all, it seems asinine to say that the fetus is not human, but a lifeless globe of cells. If it is not human, then at what point does it become human? Where on planet earth do we have any cases of life originating from lifeless matter? If you were to see an actual human embryo or a photo of one, both of which I have, you would laugh at some of the arguments pro-abortionists use: "It bears a greater resemblance to a tadpole or a turkey than a human being"—"It's not a human being, it's a glob of protoplasm," and so on. Incidentally, it is illegal to show a human embryo, either a genuine specimen of one or a photograph, except during study in embryology or medicine. What is the logic behind this? This should be changed so that a fair presentation of the anti-abortionist arguments can be made.

Some feel the only situation that warrants an abortion is one in which the life of the mother hangs in the balance. The reasoning here is that the mother can always have more children, whereas a child without a mother would have problems throughout most of his or her early life.

The fetus is a human life, and abortion is murder. If a baby is aborted late in pregnancy, and is removed from the mother alive, it will be killed (this is the law) by having the placenta dropped on its face until it suffocates. The "Lifeless Blob of Cells" will often cry and move around until it dies. We, as a country, should educate ourselves about abortion and put an end to "convenience" abortions and the like. I suggest the reader find out for him- or herself what goes on in this area and be prepared for some shocking surprises.

The practice of abortion has been debated in moral and legal terms. Anti-abortionists, or Right-to-Lifers, claim that life begins at the moment of conception. So, it is also their belief that abortion is tantamount to murder. Pro-abortionists, however, maintain that life begins at birth. They also believe that, since it is her body, the woman has the right to choose whether or not the baby will live.

At the moment, abortion is legal in the United States. It is estimated that one million abortions are performed each year. One-third of these abortions are performed on teenagers. This clearly illustrates the holocaust which is occurring in our country today. The amount of abortions in the United States alone rivals the number of people helplessly mass-murdered in Hitler's concentration camps. Whenever that holocaust is mentioned, it is generally thought of as the nadir of the human race. Yet, our government not only condones abortion, it also wishes to support it economically—American hypocrisy at its best.

The rate of pregnancy in our country must be partially blamed on our commercial society. Everywhere we look, especially in the media, sex is advertised and glorified. Pornography is rampant and readily available to just about everyone. The message received is to go ahead and have sex. Don't worry about pregnancy. If birth-control fails, you can have an abortion.

Our country holds the rights of its citizens as the highest of its priorities. However, it has blindly pursued this principle to such an extreme that it has lost sight of our basic human morals. Those who believe that it is a person's right to choose an abortion are using a cheap form of psychological rationalization. Abortion is murder, and it must cease.



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JUNK THE JOINT

by Maureen Cristiano

Dating back to 2700 B.C., ancient civilizations used marijuana for pleasure, in ceremonies and as medicine. Today in the United States, marijuana is primarily smoked for pleasure and used to treat cancer patients.

Marijuana is a drug made from the dried leaves and flowering stalks of the hemp plant. It is usually smoked, but sometimes it is put in food or drink. People use marijuana, most commonly referred to as pot, mainly for the "pleasant" effects it has on the mind.

Use of the drug can sometimes cause a person to feel relaxed and free from care, enabling him to forget about a few problems, perhaps, for a short while. This short while is from two to five hours because that is how long pot's effects will last. In addition to having pleasant effects, some unpleasant effects are evident as well. Smoke from marijuana is much hotter than smoke from a cigarette, and smoking one joint is like smoking twenty cigarettes. Brain cells can be damaged from a prolonged usage of the drug. It may also put the user in a mood of depression and cause him to lose track of time and space. Pot reduces memory, judgement, and coordination in a person. Using pot regularly over a long period of time will not cause a physical, but a psychological dependence on the drug: a strong desire for its effects.

Today in the United States, the use, sale, and possession of marijuana are against the law. The use, sale, and possession of alcohol are not against the law, excepting, of course, by those under age according to individual state laws. If alcohol is legal in the U.S., why isn't pot? Alcohol has harmful effects, too. Why not legalize them both? Should pot be made legal? Or should we keep the law as it is? Do we have enough problems in this nation with drugs that are illegal already?

If all drugs were made legal, imagine how many more people might use them and then get hurt by them. Maybe people should be allowed to make their own decisions on the use of pot because, no matter what the law says, they're going to do what they want anyway. In essence, a law against the use, sale, and possession of pot is not going to make a difference because whoever is using, selling, and possessing it now isn't obeying the law. However, the law should be kept just as an attempt to keep things straight.

by Stephanie Kieszak

It's a Friday afternoon and your teacher is having a hard time controlling the class. I'm sure it sounds familiar. Students are eager to get out of school and start their weekends, so they pay little attention to what goes on in class. Now, picture the same class if half the students are stoned. Chaos would result; yet, there are still those people who feel pot should be legalized.

Instead of just smoking cigarettes after lunch, you could smoke a joint. Everyone would be a lot better off, right? WRONG! The quality of school work would decline and the dropout rate would increase. Society would be harmed on all levels as people began to rely more and more on pot to get through the day. Pot is **not** harmless. Pot does **not** solve any problems, and pot does **not** belong in stores next to the Marlboros.

I've talked to people who are for pot legalization. They say you would have to be a certain age to purchase it, but aren't you supposed to be a certain age to buy liquor and cigarettes, too?

I've heard about how a new source of revenue would come from the sale of pot. Are we really that desperate for revenue that we would risk our health and our minds by legalizing pot? I hope not, and I urge you to consider this question.

We may have the power to decide this issue in the future. I just hope we aren't too stoned to get to the voting booths and vote wisely.

Elizabeth Rollo, a member of Mrs. Reekie's freshman English class, has won honorable mention in the city-wide Peace Essay Contest sponsored by Parents and Friends for Children's Survival, a committee against nuclear arms.

HAPPY ST. MAEWYN'S DAY

by Roxanne Whitaker

To many Irish people, saints are like friends they see every day. Their saints are precious to them; they revere them with awe-inspiring devotion. But the Irish people's favorite saint is "Saint Paddy," otherwise known as Saint Patrick.

The date of Patrick's birth is not known, but it is believed to have been around 385 A.D.

Strangely enough, the Patron Saint of Ireland was not Irish. He is believed to have been born in the British Isles to a father who worked as an official for the Roman government. Patrick's real name was Maewyn. In his writings he describes himself as "patricious," meaning well-born.

When Patrick was sixteen, he was seized by Irish raiders and carried to northern Ireland, to what is now Ulster. He was sold to a chieftan named Miliuc. Most of his time was spent tending his master's sheep. This loneliness cemented Patrick's relationship to God. His only comfort was praying, and he sometimes said a hundred prayers a day.

By 460 A.D., the time of Patrick's death, Patrick had gained a reputation for being one of the finest missionaries that the Catholic Church had ever had. But the rumors and myths spread, too. One of the most famous is the one claiming that St. Patrick drove all snakes out of Ireland. There are no snakes in Ireland.

Some other famous feats that St. Patrick is said to have done are:

1. The driving out of the Druids from Ireland. It is said that St. Patrick caused the earth to open up and swallow them.
 2. It is said that St. Patrick caused the crippled to walk, the blind to see, the deaf to hear.
- St. Patrick has become a mythical hero for the Irish.



Student Spotlight: Record Review:**KEVIN BRANNICK**

by Gregory Kraemer

One person who has proven himself concerned and dedicated is senior Kevin Brannick. "Kevin as a warm and sincere person who gets along with everyone," according to one of his close friends. When asked what she thought of Kevin, Jean Allen replied, "Becoming the new crew chief for the drama club's technical crew, I feel that he had to fulfill a very demanding and responsible role and did it very well." When I asked senior Pamela March about Kevin, she replied, "Brannick's okay; he likes my rabbit."

He is involved in numerous activities (Stage Crew, Stage Manager, Zoo Squad, Ski Club, Bio Club, Senior Activities Council, Math League), and is in charge of the Custodial Service Committee (MDA).

When Kevin was asked what his favorite club was, he replied, "Stage Crew is my favorite activity because it gives me a chance to do something good for Bishop Ford, also because it gives me a chance to work with all my friends." Throughout his years at Ford, he has managed to keep a 90 average.

As for his future, Kevin is undecided what college to attend.

"Everyday it seemed that something new and exciting happened; most of all, I will miss the people from the bio lab and drama club, in particular, Mr. Mingrone."

DIVER DOWN

by Paul Ross

Well, everyone, back again for another column chock-full of heavy metal hints and powerful predictions. To start the New Year off right, I'll begin with Van Halen's recent album with the symbolic white stripe through red signifying "the diver." The album, entitled "Diver Down," has saddened this Van Halen follower with brainless western songs like "Happy Trails" and Big Band Era songs such as "Big Bad Bill." Continued treachery



Kevin "Koala" Brannick

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is "Cathedral" which combines organ music with hard rock. Van Halen just seemed to be trying to waste time pulling through this web of frustration with clarinet solos. Now, have you ever heard of a hard rock band doing clarinet solos? It made me feel like cleaning the dust off my father's Benny Goodman albums! C'mon, guys, get with it! Let's hear some hard-hitting leads and not this Roy Rogers revival!

PAUL ROSS' TOP TEN

In this sea of black, there is a tiny light at the end of the tunnel, "Little Guitars." It contains the things Van Halen lovers want to hear, more Eddie Van Halen, and less Jan Van Halen and overplayed clarinet. Now, here is my top-ten list for 1982:

- 1—Iron Maiden—"Number of the Beast"
- 2—Rush—"Signals"
- 3—Judas Priest—"Screaming for Vengeance"
- 4—Ozzy Osbourne—"Speak of the Devil"
- 5—Scorpions—"Blackout"
- 6—Riot—"Restless Breed"
- 7—Def Leopard—"Pyromania"
- 8—Van Halen—"Diver Down"
- 9—Kiss—"Creatures of the Night"
- 10—Rainbow — "Straight Between the Eyes."

DUSTIN HOFFMAN IS TOOTSIE

by Liz O'Keeffe

If you're planning to see "Tootsie," you're in for a good laugh. Dustin Hoffman plays an actor with a reputation for being difficult to work with. While helping a fellow actress to prepare for an audition, he decides to try out for the same part. He intends to use his earnings to finance a friend's production in which he will have the leading role.

He, or she, gets the part of a female hospital executive, who captures the hearts of all American women by being a liberated, **together** woman, having total control over her life. He/she quickly gains national attention, and no one ever suspects that she is a he. He/she also falls in love during this time with a young actress who portrays a nurse on the show. He/she becomes good friends with the actress and helps her to become more independent and self-confident.

The time finally comes when Hoffman just can't stand shaving his legs anymore, but can't get out of his contract, so, in the middle of a live episode, he reveals to the nation his (and I mean **his**) true self.

The end is a happy one; Hoffman gets the lead in his friend's production, and he gets the young actress. We, as moviegoers, get the giggles as Hoffman puts us away with his zany antics and hilarious one-liners.

Book Review:**A ROSE IN WINTER**

by Stephanie Kieszak

Kathleen Woodiwiss is one of my favorite authors. Her latest novel, **A Rose in Winter**, does not, however, reach the same level of excellence as her earlier books.

Erienne Fleming, young and unmarried, is seen by her father as a means of obtaining much-needed money. He auctions her off to the highest bidder, Lord Saxton, a disfigured and mashed landowner. Erienne, repulsed at first by his appearance, grad-

ually learns to accept and love him. Her love for him becomes complete when she discovers his true identity.

A Rose in Winter contains many subplots which tend to make the story drag. Although still a good book, Ms. Woodiwiss' other novels, such as **Shanna**, **Ashes in the Wind**, **The Flame and the Flower**, and **The Wolf and the Dove**, are much more enjoyable. If you enjoy love stories, her novels are for you.

Inquiring Reporter:**NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

by Sonia N. Lopez and Patty Miller

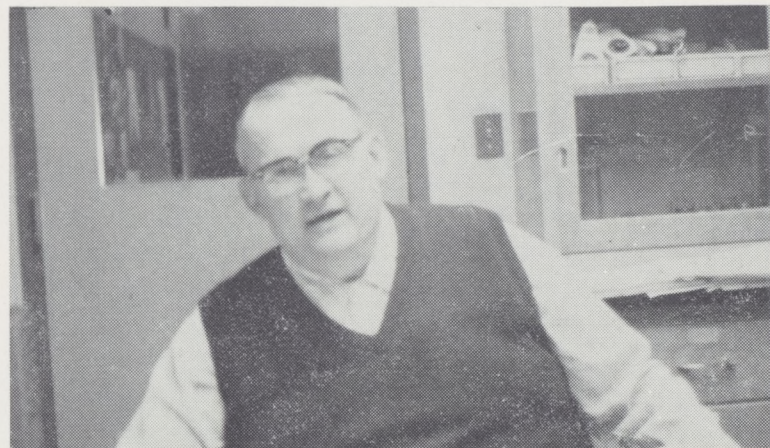
What are your views on nuclear war and nuclear weapons?

Karen Boan (301)—"I am totally against nuclear war because if ever one did occur there wouldn't be anything left of the world. What good is the world if there is no one left to enjoy it and improve it?"

Virginia Pearson (308)—"I feel that nuclear weapons are necessary to reestablish the United States as a leading world power."

Kathy Davis (404)—"Nuclear weapons are too destructive and there is no way either side could win."

Debra A. Pezzolla (409)—"They (nuclear weapons) are too dangerous. We build them like they are going out of style."

Faculty Focus: BRO. JOHN

Brother John Herz, F.S.C.

by Cliff Bowen

This month's **Faculty Focus** has its lens on Brother John Herz, F.S.C. Brother John was born in the Bronx. He attended St. Augustine's D.H.S. in Brooklyn and graduated in 1951. While in high school, he became interested in joining the Christian Brothers because of his year-round work with them as track manager. A week after graduation, he entered the Brothers' Novitiate at Barrytown, N.Y., and fourteen months later, went on to Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and the Brother's Scholasticate (four-year college). Upon graduation in 1956 with a B.A. in Physics, he went to his first assignment in Detroit, where he taught at De LaSalle Collegiate H.S. for four years. While in Detroit he attended the University of Detroit, where he received an M.A. in psychology.

He was then assigned to LaSalle Military Academy in Oakdale, Long Island, where he worked as a prefect and lived with his students (company C) twenty-four hours a day. His stay there lasted two years, and Brother commented, "It was enough."

His next assignment was Bishop Loughlin M.H.S., here in Brooklyn, where he still makes his home after twenty-one years. While at Loughlin, he taught physics and physical science, as well as math, and did some guidance work. During his fourteen years teaching and moderating baseball and bowling teams at Loughlin, he attended Yeshiva University on a National Science Foundation Grant and received a second master's degree, this time in physics.

Finally, he began his teaching here at Ford, where he now has been for seven years. To his credit, Brother John is responsible for the rearrangement of room 224, which he changed from the lab into a half-lab and half-classroom. This was to help solve the need for more room at Bishop Ford.

When I asked Brother how he liked Ford, he said, "I'm content here, find it challenging and rewarding." He also said he plans to stay here as long as things continue going well and his superiors allow him to. So, if things all go well, Bishop Ford has a science teacher now and for the future.

Student Spotlight:**MARIE BOURSICQUOT**

Marie smiles for the camera.

by Gregory Kraemer

This issue's **Student Spotlight** is on senior Marie Boursiquot. Marie is an active member of the Bishop Ford community. She is engaged in many school activities. For instance, she is in the National Honor Society, Math Club, Literary Club, Booster Club, and Drama Club. Marie is also on the **Highpoint** staff, Photography Editor for the year book, a Senior Leader, a Big Sister, and, finally, on the Senior Activities Committee.

After leaving Ford, Marie

plans on going to college, one possibility being New York University, and then off to medical school.

"I'd rather not say that I'll miss the school, but that I've had the opportunity to make new friends and undergo new experiences, and I'm happy just for that reason." Those were the words of Marie when she was asked what she will miss most after leaving Ford.

Marie's friends feel that she is a concerned, dedicated, cooperative, sincere, trustworthy, kind, and lively human being.

VARSITY TEAM SLAYS COMPETITION

by Cliff Bowen

Bishop Ford's varsity basketball team is flying high at 10 wins and 2 losses. Their latest victory was a well-played game against Bishop Ludden of Syracuse, N.Y. The team's two losses, though, have been league games. They were two tough defeats at the hands of Xaverian H.S. and Monsignor McClancy H.S. So far, Coach Nash has been very impressed by the play of juniors Mergin Sina and Keith McGlynn, both of whom have made very large contributions to the winning season. Also playing well are juniors Leone DiMartino and Andrew Purdy. Senior Peter (Sky) Edwards has been a vital all-around ingredient, as All-Brooklyn senior starter Steve Downs has started showing why he received those honors last season. Also, senior Andre Pierre has provided the speed and scoring ability to Ford's young but developing game plan. Mr. Nash has said that a vital part of the rest of the season will be the ability of the bench to come in and produce. Three players whom the team will count on for that production are juniors Pete Thurlow, Tom Daly and Andrew Sullivan. Also, a man who will be counted upon heavily is the one, the only, Fee (John McFee). Mr. Nash said that there will not be one easy game for the rest of the year. If everybody does what he has to do, things could go pretty well for the high-flying Falcons.

Juniors—Seniors
Priesthood?
Hospitality & Free
Supper at
Immaculate Conception
Seminary
April 24
See Fr. Bill Lewis

TNT STRIKES AGAIN

by Maria Valletta

The competition is building as the bowling intramurals get into season. Nothing short of a strike or spare will fully satisfy those involved in this fun-filled sporting event. The intramurals, under the direction of Mr. Paul Anderson and Mr. John Sexton, began back in October. A total of twenty teams take part in these intramurals, sixteen of which are made up of students and four of which are faculty teams. The competition takes place every Wednesday at two-thirty at Park Circle Lanes.

Team number nine, T.N.T., is presently at the head of the league with a record of twenty-two wins and only three losses. Faculty Team D, composed of Chris Rollo, Josephine Hermon, Bob Borch, and Rich Flaherty, trails closely behind, with a difference of only one game. At this time, T.N.T. has the highest team average as well, with bowlers Joe Caputo, 139, Mike Sera, 163, Bart Polack, 158, and John Day, 144. Mr. Campanero leads the faculty members with his outstanding average of 160.

Sportlight:

DAVID JONES



Coach Manuel Fernandez, David Jones, Robert Cole, Neil Lanzetta, Steve Ward, Brother Michel Bettigole, O.S.F.

by Regina Brown

In this issue **Sportlight** focuses on senior David Jones. Jones is a member of the boys' track team. He started running in the fourth grade for McAlpin Grammar School. He feels it was his father who inspired him to run; after seeing his father's awards, he felt he could do it also.

This year, David, along with Robert Cole, Steve Ward and Neil Lanzetta, broke the record for the two mile relay at Brown University.

David observed that he would like to see the team win as a whole in the championships, instead of just in relay. "I want to be a part of the team that helps put Bishop Ford on the map as one of the best teams in the East."

Growing up with this team in high school has been a pleasurable experience that he will always remember.

David feels that Mr. Fernandez has good experience as a coach, and is one who is always there.

As for his future, he is still undecided about which college he would like to attend. Wherever he goes David plans to study in the field of industrial design. He also plans to run for college.

GIRLS GET NEW COACH

by Regina Brown

In late October, the girl's track team received a new coach, Lewis Vasquez. He is not a new member of the coaching staff at Ford; in previous years (as well as this year) he has been the coach of the Freshman Track Team. He is also an experienced runner.

At first he felt it was very different from coaching a boy's team. He realized there was a lot to learn, and, little by little, he started to adjust to the girl's team; now it has become enjoyable. He thinks the hardest part is the girls' adjusting to him and the workouts. He feels that the team realizes they all have the same goal, to become the best runners possible. "I hope all the runners improve their times and become competitive in whatever event they run." In the future he hopes to have a two-mile relay team qualify for the Penn Relays. He would like the team to go to the Yale

PLAY-OFFS IN SIGHT FOR J.V.

by Martin Brennan

One of the least expected events in sports this year has been the amazing resurgence of the j.v. basketball team. The team trudged through last season to a dismal 4 and 18 record. However, with the coaching of Dan Piselli, the team has thundered to a 10 and 3 start this year.

There are many reasons for the squad's emergence as a playoff contender. Quite a few players from last year's freshman squad have not returned to play as sophomores. Also, a few faces have been added, namely, Eddie Wilson and the Long brothers. Maturity and experience have also played major roles in the team's rise.

No team can compile a 10 and 3 record and sustain a drive to the playoffs without a strong bench. This team is no exception to the rule. The super-subs include Jim Long, John LaChance, Clarence Jones, Eddie Martin, and Mike Lang. The starting five consists of Marco Gobling, Eddie Wilson, Pete Nash, Andy Vilacky, and Matt Long.

Standing on the shoulders of Marco Golding (6' 1") and Eddie Wilson (6' 1"), one can see the light of the playoffs on the horizon. Leading scorer Pete Nash (17 pts.) and sure-handed dribblers Matt Long and Andy Vilacky should provide the means of transportation.

Invitational, the Rutger Relays, and the New York Relays.

By going around to different gym classes he hopes to gain some new members. He says that track is one of the only sports in which size and height don't make a difference. If one is dedicated to the sport, one will excel in it. There are many scholarships available to female runners.

Coach Vasquez doesn't foresee any problem in the future and hopes to be coaching next year. "I feel that coaching is very enjoyable and worthwhile when I see the girls improve."

FALCONS VICTORIOUS AT MILLROSE

by Cliff Bowen

On Tuesday, January 11, Bishop Ford's open Two-Mile Relay, consisting of senior Captain Robert Cole, senior Co-captain David Jones, and juniors Steve Ward and Neil Lanzetta, qualified for one of the nation's most prestigious track and field meets, the 1983 Wanamaker Millrose Games, held at Madison Square Garden on January 28.

Ford's Four secured their invitation to the Garden meet with a third-place finish at Manhattan College in the George Eastman High School Two-Mile Relay Millrose Trials. Some of the best teams in New York City were present at this meet. This is the first time in Bishop Ford's history that we have had a team entered in this great race.

The order and times from the trials are as follows: N. Lanzetta, 2:03; D. Jones, 2:01; S. Ward, 1:59; and R. Cole, 2:01.

Finishing just ahead of Bishop Ford was Bishop Loughlin of Brooklyn and St. Anthony's of Smithtown, Long Island. The other three teams who qualified were Mt. St. Michael H.S. of the Bronx, Cardinal Hayes H.S. of the Bronx, and Iona Prep. H.S. of New Rochelle.

When asked what he thought of the team, Coach Fernandez said, "These are the best four runners I've ever had on the team."

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bishop Ford's varsity track team for winning the Catholic High School two-mile relay race at Wanamaker Millrose track and field games at Madison Square Garden on January 28.

CHEERLEADERS CHANGE ROUTINE

by Joseph Selch

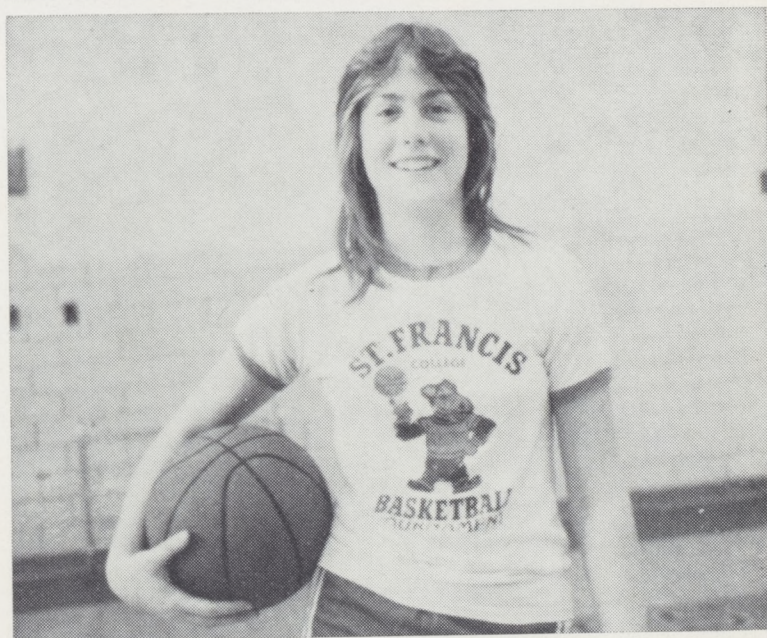
The Bishop Ford cheerleaders are "excitement and togetherness," commented Donna Homan, one of the varsity cheerleaders. Ms. Sarnelle told me she became coach of the cheerleaders because of the "excitement and flowing school spirit." This year so many have asked where Ms. Sarnelle got the dances for the varsity squad; the answer to that is, from the cheerleaders who take tap and jazz in their spare time.

The cheerleaders are picked

on a point system, which is based on dance, execution of stunts, and other cheerleading skills. One of the biggest changes for the '82-'83 season will be that the captains of the squads will be picked instead of voted on, because, "A captain should be a leader, not a social butterfly," according to Ms. Sarnelle.

Assistant Coach Josephine Consolo told me that, "It is a real pleasure," and that she felt she helped Ms. Sarnelle more as a coach than as a cheerleader.

Sportlight: EILEEN COLE



Eileen Cole and friend.

by Regina Brown

Eileen Cole is a member of the volleyball, basketball and softball teams. She competed in all of these sports at some point at her grammar school, Little Flower. Eileen started playing volleyball and basketball in the fourth grade, and in the seventh grade she started playing softball. Cole still plays volleyball for Little Flower. She also coaches for the intermediate basketball team: "I feel coaching helps me with my own game." She went to sports because her friends were into them; they were something she liked to do.

In high school, Cole has been a member of the volleyball and basketball teams for

three years and a member of the softball team in her sophomore year. She is also a member of the National Business Honor Society.

In basketball for this season Eileen wants to make the playoffs. For next season she wants to make the volleyball playoffs and make the "A" division in basketball. As for Mrs. Schmidt, Cole says she helps her learn how to play a lot better.

Eileen would like to go to college, hopefully on a scholarship; it will most likely be a business college. She intends to play volleyball in college and maybe, just maybe, basketball.